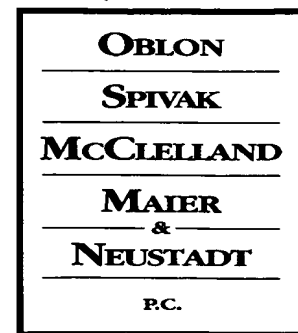




Docket No.: 196811US0PCT

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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/623,596
Applicants: Masaaki WACHI, et al.
Filing Date: September 5, 2000
For: A GENE CODING FOR PENICILLIN BINDING
PROTEIN AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-
GLUTAMIC ACID
Group Art Unit: 1656
Examiner: Kerr, K.M.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)
Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated August 8, 2003
Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed August 8, 2003
Copy of Form PTO 1449 filed August 8, 2003

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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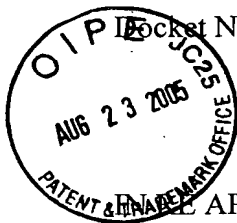
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SIR:

Petitioners respectfully request the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioners' Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 8, 2003, have been considered. Petitioners respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with initialed copies of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Petitioners submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement as originally filed on August 8, 2003, along a copy of the date-stamped filing receipts evidencing the timely filing thereof.

For the reasons given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

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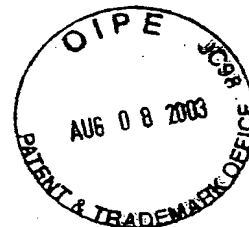
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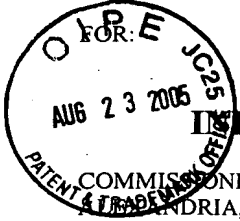
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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached European Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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CERTIFICATION

- ☒ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment form is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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